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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Date/Attendees

A telephonic interview was conducted on January 11, 2010. The attendees were Examiner King, Examiner McNeil (SPE), Neil Bartfeld and Dan Hart.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 29, 32 and 45.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Ano et al. (US 3,536,498), Ziemke (US 4,034,125) and Wiseblatt (US 3,304,184).

Proposed Amendments

Amendment of claim 29 to recite free amino acids comprising leucine, valine, isoleucine and phenylalanine, and that the amino acids are fermented by the yeast in the blend upon activation of the yeast.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representatives argued that it would not have been obvious to add valine as disclosed by Wiseblatt to the leucine/isoleucine/phenylalanine composition of Ano et al. since Wiseblatt is directed to chemical-based fermentation, while the present claims are directed to a yeast-based fermentation process. In addition, Applicants' representatives noted that it would not have been obvious to combine Ano et al. with Ziemke, since Ziemke describes a composition designed to mimic the flavor of sourdough, but this composition does not actually contain sourdough, therefore no fermentation can occur.

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Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that the proposed claim amendments would be considered upon receipt of the response.